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## Town Sidewalks Create Council Issue, Member Threatens Resignation

Councillor Burk Threatens Resignation from Committee Over Procedure - Councillor Daniels Wins Point, Tenders To Be Called

The building of new town sidewalks and the repairing of old created a considerable issue in council when this governing body met in special session on Thursday evening. Councillor Daniels made an issue of the manner in which the work was let. "The walks should have been tendered for. I'm surprised that the work is going on before council knew about it, or could give an estimate of how much was to be spent," declared councillor Daniels.

Work has been proceeding for some days on the repairing of certain bad stretches of walk in town, Les Ogden having been engaged to do the work under the direction of the streets and walks committee, councillors Milt. Burk and Delbert Booth. It was also proposed at an earlier council meeting that a five-ft. walk be laid on the west side of Edward St. from Harold St. north to the new high school and a narrow strip on the north side of Harold to join with Albert St.

In reply to councillor Daniels, Reeve Ogden stated, "I'm not of that opinion, in the past tenders have been more of a hindrance than a help." The Reeve went on to elaborate his statement saying that when the lowest tender was accepted in the past, poor workmanship had been the result.

"Well, at least, tenders clear the council and contractor," replied councillor Daniels. Earlier in the meeting Mr. Len. Buckland had appeared before council and among other complaints which he registered was the question as to why tenders were not being called for the sidewalk which runs in front of his house on Edward St. and for which he is being asked to pay a portion on 92' frontage.

"I wasn't under the impression that the committee was to present a report to council or it would have been done," stated councillor Booth. "To date council has heard nothing, no two councillors should take on a \$2,000 expenditure without consulting council. I don't think your price can be beat, but that isn't the point," continued councillor Daniels.

When the question arose of stopping the present contractor who is engaged in the repair work and calling for tenders, councillor Burk stated, "If you do that I'll resign the committee chairmanship." "It's only a matter of form when that amount of money is to be spent," said councillor Daniels. "Perhaps we erred in the

matter of form, but to have called for tenders would have cost us a lot more money," said councillor Booth. "You don't have to accept the highest or lowest or any tender," replied councillor Daniels. "I wouldn't ask the present contractor again if we stop him working now while we call for tenders," said councillor Booth.

"While tenders might have been more desirable, I'm in favor of proceeding now that the job is underway," said councillor Ratcliff. Reeve Ogden suggested that the contractor be allowed to proceed with the repair work now underway and that tenders should be called for the new walk to be laid.

"I'm agreeable to that," said councillor Burk. The clerk was instructed to proceed to advertise for tenders for a new four ft. walk on Edward St. to the high school, a distance of 396' and a three ft. walk west on Harold St., a distance of 66 ft. Objects to Walk Width

Mr. Len. Buckland objected strongly to the five ft. walk in front of his place on Edward St., stating that while he was only being asked to pay for fifty percent of a three ft. walk, he had no intention of shovelling snow on a five ft. walk. He contended that the walk was being built primarily for the use of the school and the home owners should not be penalized with the wide walk.

Reeve Ogden stated that the walk was necessary because of heavy traffic it would be expected to bear. He added that if Mr. Buckland refused to pay his share, the new walk could be put under Local Improvement and all would be obliged to pay for it on their taxes. However, he said that this was a much more costly way of proceeding on a small job.

As to the matter of snow shovelling, councillor Ratcliff stated that folks have to shovel their side walks on Main St. all the way to the public school. Reeve Ogden stated that all the home owners with the exception of Mr. Buckland, had indicated to him their willingness to pay their share of the walk. Mr. Buckland said, "I won't pay one cent until I know who's going to have to shovel the snow and I'm not going to do it."

The view was expressed that the town bylaw merely stated that all walks must be shovelled with no mention of varying widths. Councillor Daniels suggested that possibly a four ft. walk would be sufficient and this is the width for which tenders are being called. It was agreed that the tender price would have to be known regardless of how the walk was paid for and would definitely need to be known if the walk was built under Local Improvement.

## Delegation Asks Delay in Dissolving School Area

Want New Vote to be Held On Issue

A thirty-six man delegation appeared before Uxbridge Township Council at their regular meeting on Monday requesting that the enactment of the by-law by which the Township School Area would be broken up and individual school sections re-established, be postponed until further study by the ratepayers could be given to it. The delegation requested that between now and election day the ratepayers be permitted to compare the two systems in detail and then on election day allow the ratepayers to once again vote for their preference between the Area System and the School Sections.

Dr. W. R. Wees, spokesman for the delegation presented a typed brief to council with the above proposals. Dr. Wees pointed out that he wished no way to criticize council for their action on the matter up to the present time. He questioned, however, if it might be possible for council to withhold enactment of the bylaw until the issue could be given further consideration.

down at the last election. Since that time a bylaw to dissolve the Area Board was forwarded to the Dept. of Education and has been approved. The Separate School Sections come into effect Jan. 1st.

"We shouldn't be taken to task for our action on the matter," stated Reeve Ball. "We only did what the ratepayers requested and there's nothing we can do now to stop the change."

"We must carry out the wishes of the people," pointed out the Reeve. Chairman of the Public School Area Board Eldred Catherwood charged that Council failed to co-operate with the School Board.

"You let us down," said Mr. Catherwood. "The vote was brought on too hastily." "The council was never approached by the School Board before the July 1st deadline," countered Reeve Ball. "In fact we were told on another occasion that the School Board was quite capable enough to look after its own business."

This statement was denied by the Area Board Chairman. "I wanted to get a resolution from County Council sent into the Trustees Association Convention with regard to the over-crowding of schools by boarding house children and it was told that such action was not necessary," exclaimed Reeve Ball. "Anytime you might have requested council's co-operation I am sure you would have received it," continued the

## "Junior," Orphan Groundhog, Gets Much Attention



"Junior" an orphaned groundhog is the centre of attraction at the Shadow Lake Girls Camp north of Stouffville, operated by the T. Eaton Co. Ever since the pet

was found abandoned by its mother. Camp Counsellors have befriended the little fellow. He was fed by hand until he was able to enjoy clover, carrots and grown-up

fare. On special occasions the girls give him watermelon and cantelope. Pictured above is Miss Joan Scott 17, one of the Camp Staff girls, watching "Junior" nibble on a carrot.

## Markham Men Are Charged With Manslaughter

Terry Strain and Ken Torrance who fired shots last week in pursuit of chicken thieves on the Torrance farm south of town on the 10th concession, appeared in Magistrate's Court at Newmarket on Tuesday and were charged with manslaughter as the result of the death of one of the men escaping with the chickens. The men were remanded by Magistrate Bartrem until August 24th.

Robt. Puddicombe, one of the brothers charged with the robbery, was sentenced to three months in jail and Peter Puddicombe, 16, another brother involved in the same crime, was given one year probation.

## Man Hospitalized In Car-Truck Crash at Gormley

A car-truck collision on Don Mills Rd. one and one-half miles south of here early Saturday sent Charles P. Phillips, 47, of Browning Ave., Toronto, to Toronto General Hospital with critical head injuries.

Bound for the family cottage at Royal Beach, Lake Simcoe, Mr. Phillips was the lone occupant of his car when it collided with a 3,600-pound truck loaded with sand.

The truck driver, Albert E. Carey, 19, of Agincourt, said he was southbound when he saw the car approaching. He dimmed his lights and so did the car, but suddenly the car's lights brightened, it shot across the road and crashed into the door of the truck, he said.

The side of the car was ripped off but it continued on for 92 feet before plunging into the roadside ditch and striking a telegraph pole. Mr. Phillips was thrown 32 feet from the wreckage, landing on the pavement, police said.

## Horseshoe Tourney Here Aug. 28th

On Saturday, Aug. 28th, the Stouffville Horseshoe Club will hold a local tournament. All members are requested to qualify before that date. Any new members who wish to compete in the tourney are welcome. There will be good prizes. The event will commence at 8 p.m.

Reeve. "The first delegation opposing the Area System had no grounds on which to base an election," stated Chairman Catherwood.

"Another vote should be called, the attitude of many ratepayers has changed since that time," continued Mr. Catherwood. "Let us forget the past and look into the future," suggested Area Board member Walter Beach. "The council should see if something could be done to hold the bylaw until further thought can be given the question."

The matter will be brought before council," replied Reeve Ball. Following the hearing of the delegation council contended that the question was now completely out of their hands.

## Over 160 Attend Annual Wideman Bible School

More than 160 pupils have attended the annual Wideman Bible School on the 8th concession of Markham. The church has been operating a summer Bible School for the past 18 years. Mr. Elmer Burkholder is the director this year. The boys and girls range in age from four to eleven years. There are eleven classes and thirteen teachers. On Friday evening of this week the closing exercises will be held in which all parents and friends are invited to attend.

The teachers in charge at the school are Jos. Grove, Arthur Byer, Ada Hoover, Mrs. Edna Roberts, Mrs. Thomas Grover, Lorne McDowell, Elsie Hoover, Pearl Grove, Mrs. Herb Reesor, Mrs. Elmer Burkholder, Mrs. Jas. Greenwood, Arlene Fretz and Edith Wambold.

## Change Voting Hours In Uxbridge Twp.

At the regular meeting of Uxbridge Twp. Council on Monday evening, a bylaw was passed to change the voting hours in the municipality. The polls will now be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The change was made in order that residents employed outside the Township might have time to vote on returning home. Formerly the voting hours extended from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Damage to sheep by dogs in Uxbridge Twp. continues to mount. A bill was presented from Mr. R. McConnell, 5th concession, amounting to \$100. This included four sheep killed and one wounded.

## Provincial Grant Increased to Town

Through negotiations by Clerk Gar Brown, the provincial grant to Stouffville for this year has been increased about \$400. The original grant was based on the 1951 census and Clerk Brown waited on the Dept. of Municipal Affairs and protested this small figure. As a result the grant is now based on the 1953 assessment figure of 1,893 and amounts to \$2,830.50.

This per capita grant is new for 1954 and is in lieu of the previous one mill subsidy which was given all municipalities. Taxpayers will note that a synopsis of the grant appears on all tax bills this year.

The report from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs was interesting in the fact that it included all population figures of Stouffville since 1901.

At that time the population was 1223. Figures are as follows up to date:

1901	1223
1911	1034
1921	1053
1931	1155
1941	1253
1951	1695
1952	1788
1953	1893

The figure for 1954, while not yet official, is expected to exceed two thousand.

## Assessor Asks Increase

A communication was received from Assessor E. R. Good asking that his salary be increased, and cited the recent annexation as one of his reasons for asking the increase as well as the fact that the job is becoming continually more involved. Mr. Good's salary was increased in the spring from \$500 to \$600 and council directed the clerk to inform the assessor that this matter had already been dealt with for 1954.

## Uxbridge Twp. Tax Rate Drops 1.3 Mills

A drop of 2.5 mills for township purposes aided Uxbridge Township Council to strike a mill rate of 40.05 for 1954 in comparison with 41.8 mills last year. This is an overall decrease of 1.3 mills. In 1953 the mill rate for Township purposes was set at 12.5. Council decided that a rate of 10 mills would be sufficient for 1954. The County rate is 41.1, High School 6.6, Township 10, Public School 13.4, Union S.S. No. 1 8.8 mills. The sharpest increase was noted in the Public School rate which equaled 13.4 mills as compared with 11.8 mills last year. The increase was due to a loss of \$3,600 in grants through the dissolving of the Area System.

## Mrs. Eleanor Crossen Advances in Prov. Bowling Finals

Last week at Kingston, Mrs. Eleanor Crossen of Stouffville captured the District Singles Lawn Bowling Championship in competition with ladies from Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston. Mrs. Crossen now advances into the Provincial finals and will represent Eastern Ontario in the Ladies Singles. The Championship match will be played on Tuesday, Aug. 24th. Her opposition will be a Mrs. Cherry of London, Ont.

## Question of More Water Discussed By Council

Although the problem is under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission, town council in Stouffville discussed at some length the question of getting increased water pressure in town. Councillor Daniels stated that during one Fire Brigade practice this year, not a drop could be squeezed from one of the hydrants at the east end of town.

For the problem of lawn watering it was suggested that perhaps hours should be staggered as it was found when everyone was using the two hours provided between six and eight o'clock in the evening, some taps in town would give little more than a trickle.

Council expressed the view that there was plenty of water on reservoir property but the time was coming when some means of getting more of it to town would have to be dealt with and it was doubted if the present main line alone was sufficient to carry a large enough supply. More and more homes were being built and subdivisions were being opened up and while council made no concrete proposals, the problem was a serious one to be faced sooner or later.

Friends will be interested to learn that Rev. Geo. Robins, former pastor at Melville, is slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia and expects to leave the hospital about August 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Robins have been visiting in the Old Country and it was here that he was taken ill on July 3rd. The couple wish to thank their many friends who have written during Mr. Robins' illness. Their address is 18 Curzon St., Albert Ave., Hull, York-shire, England.

## Births

WHITE—Mr. and Mrs. Herb White are happy to announce the arrival of a son at the Brierbush Hospital on Aug. 5, 1954, a brother for Allan. BOYD—Rolph and Elva are happy to announce the birth of their son on Saturday, August 7th, 1954, a brother for Allan, Brian and Kathy, a good number of years except

## Upper School Results Are Announced

(Note: 1-75% - 100%; II-66% - 74%; III-60% - 65%; Cr.-50% - 59%.)  
Boyd, Arnold: Hist. Cr.; Geom. Cr.; Bot. Cr.; Zool. Cr.; Burkholder, Margaret: Eng. Comp. I; Eng. Lit. I; Hist. I; Geom. III; Trig. III; Zool. I; Chem. I; Fr. Au. I; Fr. Comp. II.  
Coulitice, Jim: E.C. Cr.; Geom. Cr.; Bot. Cr.; Zool. Cr.; Phys. III; Chem. II.  
Foord, Ray: E.C. III; E. Lit. Cr.; Hist. II; Bot. Cr.; Zool. Cr.; Chem. Cr.  
Frisby, Graham: E.C. Cr.; E. Lit. I; Hist. II; Geom. Cr.; Trig. I; Phys. I; Chem. II; Fr. Au. Cr.; Fr. Comp. Cr.  
Hartwick, Marie: E.C. Cr.; Bot. Cr.  
Hisey, Barbara: Hist. Cr.; Zool. Cr.; Fr. Au. III; Fr. Comp. Cr.  
Hood, Gloria: E.C. III; Hist. Cr.; Bot. Cr.; Zool. Cr.; Chem. Cr.; Fr. Au. II; Fr. Comp. II.  
Hood, Marilyn: E. Comp. II; Keffer, Betty Lou: E.C. III; E. Lit. Cr.; Hist. Cr.; Bot. Cr.; Zool. III; Chem. Cr.; Fr. Au. Cr.; Fr. Comp. Cr.  
Lewis, Carole: Hist. Cr.; Geom. Cr.; Bot. III; Zool. Cr.; Lintner, Ann: Bot. Cr.; Chem. Cr.  
McMillan, William: E.C. Cr.; E. Lit. Cr.; Alg. II; Geom. I; Trig. I; Fr. Au. Cr.; Fr. Comp. III.  
Mile, Edward: E.C. Cr.; Hist. III; Phys. III; Chem. II.  
Scnell, Marie: E.C. Cr.; Hist. III; Zool. III; Fr. Au. Cr.; Fr. Comp. Cr.  
Smith, June: E.C. I; E. Lit. II; Hist. II; Geom. III; Trig. II; Zool. II; Chem. III; Fr. Au. III; Fr. Comp. III.  
Smith, Patricia: E.C. Cr.; E. Lit. Cr.; Hist. II; Geom. II; Trig. II; Zool. III; Chem. I; Fr. Au. III; Fr. Comp. III.  
Stover, Catherine: E.C. Cr.; E. Lit. Cr.  
Thompson, Glenn: Alg. II; Trig. II; Bot. II; Zool. II; Phys. I; Chem. III; Fr. Au. III; Fr. Comp. Cr.  
White, Margaret: E. C. Cr.; E. Lit. Cr.; Hist. Cr.; Geom. III; Bot. III; Zool. III; Chem. II; Fr. Au. Cr.; Fr. Comp. III.

Two youths miraculously escaped injury while another was rushed to hospital when their car careened out of control on the 9th concession at Bloomington on Sunday evening. The auto driven by Arthur Harding, 8th concession of Whitchurch, rolled over 3 times, snapped off a telephone pole and came to rest against a tree. Most seriously injured was Ronnie Wilson of Stouffville who suffered a broken arm, cuts and bruises. The other passenger, Jim Auckland of Mt. Albert, although thrown from the wrecked, vehicle was unhurt.

The car was proceeding south when it suddenly swerved out of control and into the ditch. Nearby neighbors were quickly on the scene and they lifted the overturned auto off Harding who was pinned beneath it. Auckland was thrown clear and was not found until some minutes later. Dr. Smith of Stouffville rendered first aid treatment to Wilson before he was taken to the Toronto East General Hospital. The car is a total wreck.

Dorothy Meyer and cousin Margaret Schell from Orillia are holidaying this week at Lake Rosseau, Muskoka.

Mrs. Ray Fleury has returned home after undergoing an operation in the Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Soccer league game here Sat. night under the lights.

## Young Man is Seriously Injured as Car Snaps Off Pole and Rolls Over

## Twp. of Whitchurch Buys New Grader

At a special meeting of Whitchurch Township Council on Thursday evening a new Model 112 Caterpillar road grader was purchased from the Geo. W. Crothers Equipment at a net cost of \$16,847. Seven tenders were submitted ranging in price from \$13,000 to \$19,000. The machine will be fully equipped and ready for service following approval from the Dept. of Highways.

A proposed subdivision comprising 40 lots on Lot 14, Con. 3 was turned down by Council. The members feared that a serious school problem would result if such an approval were granted.

## Cups and Saucers \$5 At Reesor Sale

One of the best furniture auction sales in years, was the way in which auctioneer Ken Prentice described the recent sale of the furniture belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Menno Reesor. Dishes were exceptionally high, cups and saucers running as high as \$5. A chest of drawers brought \$150. Quilts sold from \$10 to \$15 each, a washstand \$30, and an ancient melodeon \$50.

Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas is back at her home on Church St. after a visit with her sister in Omemee.

## Insufficient Care in Road Work - Reeve LeMasurier

The need for patching on John St. a hardtop road between Thornhill and Bayview Ave. is proof of insufficient care in our road building in the past, declared Reeve A. LeMasurier during a special meeting to discuss this problem on Monday night.

The road in question was paved a year ago by Beamish Construction Co. with the township providing the recommended gravel for the base. Test holes were made in the road recently under direction of the Dept. of Highways and it was found in some cases that little foundation material was present. There had been certain irregularities over the building of the road at the time covering a period of two years but the Department finally agreed to pay the subsidy, the Reeve related.

At Monday night's meeting representatives of Thornhill Police Village, Mr. Buchanan who was road superintendent at the time the road was paved, and Mr. Beamish and his engineer were all present.

A report was placed before Markham Council by their own engineer, Mr. Jack Howard, on the condition of the road and the developments which had taken place concerning the patching. The report read as follows:

Members of Road Committee, Township of Markham, Dear Sir and Madam: This is with regard to the pavement on John Street from Yonge Street to the bridge east of Johnson Avenue.

Early this Spring the Thornhill Trustees arranged with Beamish Construction to apply the hot patch in several locations where the pavement was cracking. A representative from that firm, approached the writer and recommended that they also apply this patch to parts of John Street east of the village limits. All of this work was completed early in May.

Within two weeks it was noticed that most of these patches were starting to creep and lift and this condition has become steadily worse. The Beamish Construction has been quite concerned about this condition and last week Mr. Doherty of that firm arranged with Mr. Roy Baker of the Department of Highways to take some tests with an auger. These tests showed that the cracking occurred at places where the pavement was laid on next to no foundation. One test hole showed a cross section of sub-soil, top soil, 4 inches of gravel and 2 to 3 inches of pavement. A road of this type should have been stripped of all top soil and then had at least 6 inches of gravel before placing the asphalt. Actually, Mr. Baker advised that he would think a road of this type should really have about an 18 inch gravel base before placing the asphalt.

At this point it is hard to know what to do. Obviously it is impossible to go back and put in a proper foundation without ripping the whole pavement up and this is not too practical. Actually the road would probably stand up for a good number of years except

## for the fact that it is taking a lot of heavy traffic. One solution could be to put about 3 more inches of asphalt on top of that which exists, thereby forming a pavement of sufficient mass to withstand the effects of the poor foundation.

At this time the Beamish Construction Co. has agreed to scrape off the remaining patch in those places where it has peeled. Our Road Department will then try to seal the cracks in the pavement by using a spray patch.

Your comments concerning this matter will be appreciated. I. A. Howard, Engineer and Road Superintendent.

Following this report Reeve LeMasurier summarized the past history of the job on John St. in the following words:

The poor condition of the pavement on John Street (east of Yonge St. in Thornhill) has come to my attention, and the Road Committee has received a report from the Engineer of the Road Department. This bears out my belief that there has not been sufficient care exercised in the construction of roads in the past.

You will recall that in July 28, 1952, my following resolution was voted down "That council receive a written monthly progress report from the Engineer of the Road Department, regarding finances and construction schedule."

I am not bringing this up to embarrass or to throw any aspersions on any former member of council, employee, construction company, or the Department of Highways, but for the purpose of acquainting the public with some facts which sometimes become distorted.

I feel that the facts should be laid before the people of Markham Township so that this 1954 council may be absolved from any blame for the condition which now exists on John Street.

I believe that the laxity in the Road Department has been completely overcome with the hiring of our Engineer Mr. Jack Howard, and with the installation of proper book-keeping methods as recommended by the Auditor in 1952. While we cannot turn back the pages of time and correct past mistakes, a situation of this kind should never occur again.

On April 14th, 1952, the following resolution was carried "Moved by Mr. C. Hooper and seconded by Mr. A. Lemnie, that we request the Ontario Department of Highways for the usual subsidy on \$16,125.00, being the cost of paving John Street.

You will note this resolution was several months after the contract was let and the paving completed, and I believe, (continued on page 6)